

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3754 - HB 3706

February 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes two counties to enter into an annual agreement whereby one county agrees to provide transportation of an individual to a hospital or treatment resource for a mental health screening, evaluation, diagnosis, or hospitalization for another county for a flat rate or a per person rate, in lieu of billing the initial transporting county for transportation costs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, the sheriff or transportation agent of a county in which a person is initially detained is responsible for transporting the person for assessment, evaluation, diagnosis, or hospitalization. The initial transporting county will remain responsible for transportation of the person.
- The actual costs incurred for transporting will not significantly change.
- The costs incurred by secondary transporting counties will be reimbursed by the initial transporting county either by a flat rate or a per person rate, should the counties enter into a contract.
- The provisions of the bill may shift a portion of the costs incurred from the initial transporting county to a secondary transporting county if the flat rate or per person rate does not cover the total costs.
- These contracts will not result in a significant change in actual transportation costs. The net fiscal impact to local government is not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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